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Ex-Mutants: Spawned by radioactive and biological weapons unleashed in World War Three, five carefully chosen mutants—Angela, Belushi, Erin, Lorelei, and Vikki—were transformed by Dr. Emmanuel Cugat back into genotypical humans. Dubbed the Ex-Mutants, they became legends in their own time—until Doctor Cugat was driven insane. Trapping his creations in their original capsules, Cugat triggered a leftover Soviet warhead in an attempt to kill himself as well as the Ex-Mutants.

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SNORP!
OOO... WHAT IS IT, DUFF?
HUH?!?
NYAH-AH-AH!
DEATH...
AHHHHHH!
SAY WHAT?
BIFF
AHHHHHHHH
DEATH...
DEATH...
CHINK

OH NO, OH NO.

RIP!

DEATH...
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, CHANEY?

NYAH-AH-AH.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE...

...FORM UP BEHIND ME, TIGHT RANKS!
UH... RIGHT!
BLAM

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS, CHANEY?

I WAS DROWSING IN MY APARTMENT, TALKING TO DUFF...
OH MY GOD! DUFF!

THEY'VE GOT DUFF! THEY'VE GOT MY BOY!!

CHANEY'S FURY HAS BOUGHT US TIME, BUT THIS BATTLE IS ALREADY LOST. COLLECT YOUR FRIEND AND WE'LL RETREAT TO THE HOSPITAL...

"WE NEED SORCERY TO FIGHT THIS FOE."
MAGUS!

MAGUS, WHAT'S HAPPENED?
IT IS AS WE FEARED... DAHLGREN HAS STRUCK... WITH DISEASE.

THE DISEASE TAKES ROOT IN THE SOUL, AND DEVOURS MAGICAL ENERGY ...ONLY SORCERERS NEED FEAR...
...BUT THE DISEASE CLAIMS THE HEAVIEST TOLL...

...FROM THOSE OF GREATEST POWER.

DAHLGREN... MUST BE STOPPED... ONLY HE HOLDS THE CURE.

EXCUSE ME, BUT IF IT ISN'T TOO MUCH TROUBLE...
POUND
POUND
...COULD I HAVE SOME HELP HERE??
POUND
POUND
I MUST LEARN THE EXTENT OF THIS ATTACK. FROM THE ROOF OF MY TOWER WE CAN VIEW THE ENTIRE TOWN—
HOLD ON A SECOND, WASTELAND. WHAT ABOUT SIMAK?
WE'LL TAKE SIMAK AND MAGUS TO THE ROOF WITH US. IT IS OBVIOUS WE CANNOT HOLD OUT HERE INDEFINITELY.
OH... RIGHT.
POUND
THE TOWER'S TOP IS FORTIFIED AND ARMED; WE CAN MAKE OUR STAND THERE.
GOOD LORD!
IT CANNOT BE!

MY CITY! IT'S OVERRUN BY MONSTERS!
NOT JUST YOUR CITY, PAL. THE UGLIES ARE NEARLY UP THE WALL.
STOR

TO THE GUNS, MY FRIENDS!

WE'RE NO "FRIENDS" OF YOURS, BARON, BUT WE DO SHARE A COMMON ENEMY—

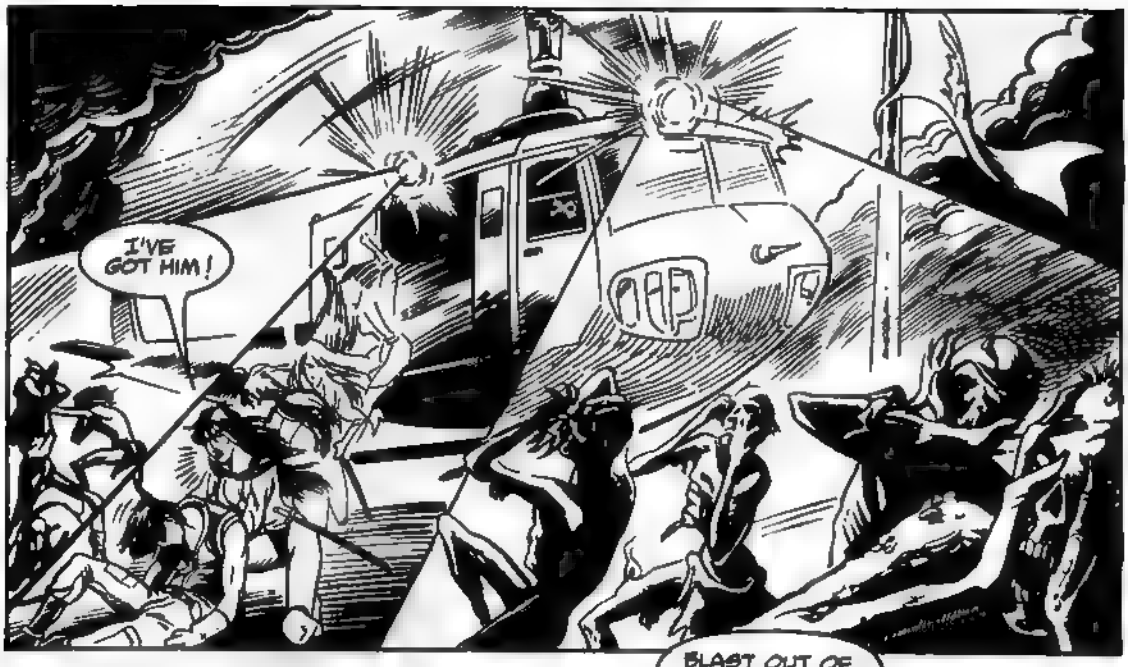
--AND SO LONG WE DO, THE EX-MUTANTS WILL STAND BY YOUR SIDE!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

I'M OUT OF BULLETS, AND THOSE THINGS ARE STILL COMING!!
BUDDA... BUDDA...
KLIK!

BUOOA!
KLIK!
IT SEEMS THE ENEMY HAS MORE SOLDIERS THAN WE HAVE FIREPOWER--
--AND AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT, THE TIME HAS COME TO CALL RETREAT.
CHANEY! HELP ME LOAD THE SICK ABOARD THE GUNSHIP!
YOU OTHERS MUST BUY US TIME!
THUK
WHERE DOES WASTELAND GET OFF THINKING ME CAN CALL THE SHOTS?
HE SEEMS TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT. BESIDES--
--HIS HELICOPTER IS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF HERE. YOU GOING TO ARGUE WITH HIM?

WOMEN AND MUTIES FIRST! I'LL HOLD BACK THE UGLIES!
THUK!
BLU! COME ON--WE'RE ALL ABOARD!
WHAK!
OKAY, I'M COM--
UHNN...
BLU!!
THOSE THINGS HAVE GOT THE BOY, YOU'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
ONLY ONE CHANCE...
PULL HIM IN, GIRLS, THIS WON'T HOLD THEM FOR LONG!
SPOTS


I'VE GOT HIM!

BLAST OUT OF HERE! NOW!!

ARRRGH!

CAN'T-- HANG--ON--

GET THEM INSIDE! WE'RE LOSING ALTITUDE!

HEAVE!!
I'M LOSING MY GRIP...

BY THE PHOENIX, I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER WAY...

AAAAGH!

DEATH...
SNIK!

"DEATH" YOURSELF, AIR-HOLE.
SHOVE!
BAWHOOM!

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?!?!

YEAH, SURE

BATTLE STATIONS, BOYS AND GIRLS! WE AREN'T DONE YET!

WE'VE GOT A WAR TO WIN!!

DEATH!
DEATH!
DEATH!!!

GET... GET AWAY FROM ME!

PLEASE!
AAAAAAAHHH!

DEATH...

DEATH...?

HEY! KNOCK IT OFF!!

GO ON! BREAK IT UP!
DEATH...?
PACK IT IN!!
YOU SAVED ME!
NOW I KNOW WHO YOU ARE! YOU'RE THAT LITTLE MAN SIMAK CAUGHT --THE GNAT!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BAD GUY!
ME?! A VILLAIN?!?! THE VERY IDEA!
I'M A SUPER-HERO!
I'M--
--I'M--
DEATH!!
OH, NO...!

NOT SO FAST, MY LITTLE PAWN...
DEATH
Hanged Man

...NO MAN CAN LONG RESIST DAHLGREN'S SORCEROUS MIGHT!!

NOW THAT THE ENEMY IS OCCUPIED, IT'S TIME I CHECKED ON MY TRUMP CARD--
Hanged Man
The Devil

The Devil
--THE LATE, GREAT DOCTOR EMMANUEL CUGAT!

NO, YOU DOLTS!
THE BEAST MUST BE BUTCHERED, ALIVE!!!

DON'T BEAT IT TO DEATH! TEAR STRIPS OF FLESH FROM ITS LIVING FLANKS!
I MUST TASTE ITS FEAR!!

OH, COME ON!
AIIIIEEEEEEE!!
YOU JUST CAN'T FIND GOOD HELP ANY MORE!

HO-HUM.

I AM SORRY, HELENE--PROPER PREPARATION OF TARANTULA TARTAR IS A LOST ART.
RIP!

GROWWWLLL
WHERE'S THAT IDIOT WITH THE WINE? I ORDERED IT HOURS AGO!

OH!

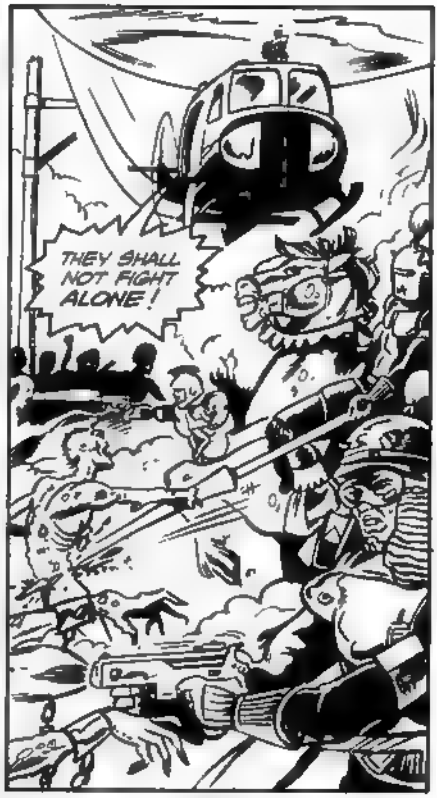
EXCUSE ME, DARLING, I MUST FIX MY MAKE-UP.
DO NOT WORRY, MY PET IT IS ONLY A MOSE...

...I'VE NEVER HAD ONE, AND IT HASN'T HURT ME.
EH?
CLUSAT!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR ROMANCE! WHERE IS YOUR ARMY? WHERE ARE THE NEW EX-MUTANTS??
RELAX, DAHLGREN EVERYTHING GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN.

AS YOU CAN SEE, MY FRIEND, THE ARMY AWAITS MY COMMAND--
--EVEN AS I AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF YOUR SORCERY --THE SPELL THAT WILL OPEN A PORTAL FROM YOUR WORLD TO MINE.
I'VE HELD UP MY END OF OUR BARGAIN. HOW GOES YOUR RESPONSIBILITY?
WHEN WILL YOU OPEN THE DOOR TO EARTH?
EARTH?!?
SOON ENOUGH, MY ALLY. YOUR FORCES MUST BE READY TO STRIKE!
OF COURSE.
HE'S FOUND A WAY BACK TO EARTH!
I MUST ALERT THE OTHERS!

LOOK, BARON! SOME OF YOUR MEN ARE STILL FIGHTING!


THEY SHALL NOT FIGHT ALONE!

LET 'EM HAVE IT, LADIES!
DON'T GET TOO COMFORTABLE GIVING US ORDERS, BARON--

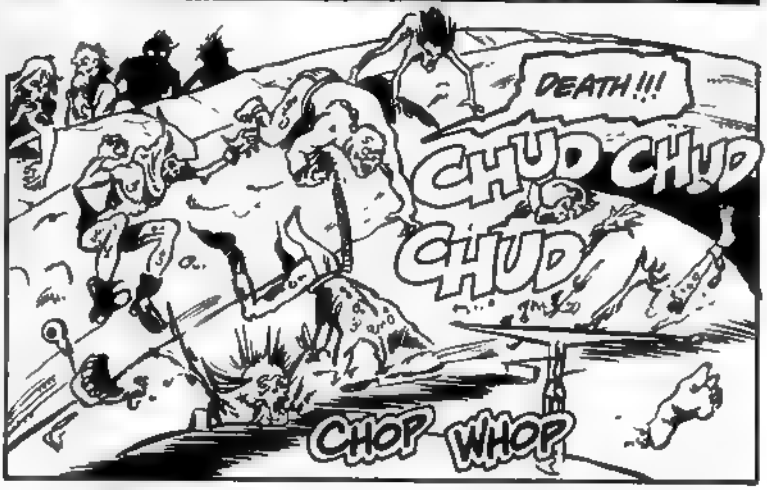
--WE'VE STILL GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE--

--AFTER THIS BUSINESS IS FINISHED!
FWOOSH!

WELL DONE! WE'VE TURNED THE TIDE HERE--

--NOW LET'S FINISH THIS FIGHT!

THE MONSTERS SEEM THICKEST NEAR THE TOWER MAYBE WE'LL FIND THEIR LEADER THERE!
DEATH...


DEATH!!!
CHUD CHUD
CHUD
CHOP
WHOP

WHAT HIT US??!!

ANGELA!!
AAAHHH!
I'M LOSING IT!
HANG ON ...ALMOST THERE!
N WASTELAND
WE'RE GOING DOWN!!!
VWOOI!
OH NO.

KA-BOOM!

DEATH!!
HA HA!! DEATH!

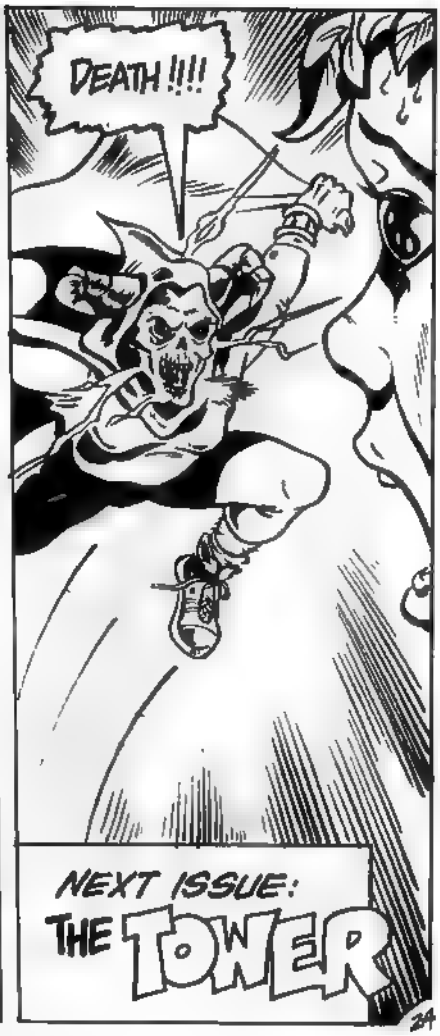
DEATH...?
THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING. YOU CAN'T BE THIS EVIL— NOTHING IS THIS EVIL!

THE OTHERS SAID YOU WERE A BAD GUY, BUT MY EYES LET ME SEE THE TRUTH!
I'VE LOOKED INTO YOU! I KNOW HOW YOU REALLY ARE!!

SOMEHOW YOU ARE THE KEY TO THIS! YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT IT!

LET ME HELP.
DEATH? GNAT?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